

Worksession

Agenda Item #	8
Meeting Date	13 June 2005
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Discussion Item	Resolution Ratifying the Arts and Humanities Commission's Cultural Plan
Background	<p>The Arts and Humanities Commission has, as directed by the Council, prepared a long range master plan for the development of a thriving arts community in Takoma Park and the utilization of public facilities for art related activities. Working in partnership with the community and area arts and humanities groups, the Commission completed the plan this spring and presented a summary of their findings and recommendations to the Council in March 2005. The input provided during this discussion was incorporated into the final document which is to be considered by the Council for ratification on June 13, 2005.</p> <p>As noted in the Executive Summary, "The Cultural Plan of Takoma Park reflects findings and strategies gathered and analyzed over nine months of planning and assessment involving hundreds of cultural advocates, community leaders and citizens. It is presented as a living document—a framework for future cultural development—to be owned and adapted by the community as recommendations are refined and developed. The Cultural Plan catalyzes a new beginning for citywide cultural development as the Arts and Humanities Commission takes the helm in supporting and helping guide that development." The plan is to be used to assist in the development, review, evaluation, and funding of future arts and humanities programming supported by the City and to provide general guidance to the community as a whole.</p>
Policy	<p>"To expand public awareness of, involvement in, and access to the arts and arts opportunities and to create an environment which promotes interaction, dialogue, discussion and lasting relationships between artists and the public."</p> <p>Ordinance 2003-01 Establishing the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission</p>
Fiscal Impact	To be determined as individual recommendations are implemented
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution Ratifying the Takoma Park Cultural Plan Creative Vision: A Cultural Plan for the City of Takoma Park
Recommendation	To approve the accompanying resolution ratifying the proposed cultural plan
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Resolution 2005-

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TAKOMA PARK CULTURAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) was established by the Council to provide advise on ways in which the City might best serve the public with regard to matters involving the arts; and

WHEREAS, the AHC is responsible for the development of a long range master plan for the development of a thriving arts community in Takoma Park and the utilization of public facilities for art related activities; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the past year, the AHC has conducted surveys of local residents, inventoried local arts and humanities resources, hosted focus groups, and interviewed various stakeholders to assess the issues, needs, strengths, opportunities, and challenges facing the arts and humanities in Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, three overarching cultural values were identified by the AHC during this comprehensive planning process which were incorporated into the accompanying document: the preservation and enhancement of Takoma Park's identity as a creative community, the support and promotion of Takoma Park's art and humanities professionals, and the enrichment and unification of communities within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council, having reviewed the proposed cultural plan at its May 7, 2005 worksession, found the plan to accurately reflect the values of Takoma Park and established laudable goals which further strengthen the arts and humanities within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND HEREBY ratifies the accompanying cultural plan:

*Creative Vision: A Cultural Plan for the City of Takoma Park
Celebrating the Creative Spirit of Our Community*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approved cultural plan will be used to assist in the development, review, evaluation, and funding of future arts and humanities programming supported by the City.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2005.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk